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SUBJECT: INTERNAL PORTUGUESE SITUATION

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1. AT DIPLOMATIC DINNER LAST NIGHT FRENCH AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT TITO HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED TO SOMEONE IN FRENCH GOVERNMENT, PROBABLY THE FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN HE WAS HERE A MONTH AGO, THAT TITO BELIEVED THAT A CIVIL WAR WOULD DEVELOP IN PORTUGAL AND THAT THE US WOULD SUPPORT THE "CONSERVATIVES".

2. PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR RAMOS DA COSTA (ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY) WAS ADAMANT THAT A CIVIL WAR WOULD NOT DEVELOP BUT INDICATED IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION THAT A SOCIALIST-SPONSORED GENERAL STRIKE WAS LIKELY. HE INDICATED THAT THE TIMING WAS OF EXTREME IMPORTANCE SINCE THE SOCIALISTS MUST NOT MAKE A MISCALCULATION.
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